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Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing in regard to Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"


I am very concerned about this issue! I believe that the FDA must keep the labeling law: use the words "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation," and also use of the radiation symbol on all irradiated whole foods. This is very important!

From what I have read and seen, consumers are VERY interested in whether food is irradiated or not. And of course the Food and Drug Administration is there to protect us consumers. So, please make this a priority!

Some fruits and vegetables have nutrient losses that are not expected by the consumer. Also, irradiation causes chemical changes when used in food processing. I've done a bit of reading on this, I have not found any long-term studies on humans eating irradiated food. So, better SAFE than SORRY!

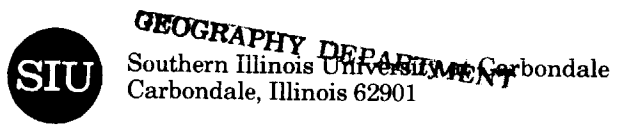
Please do not let the labeling laws expire!

Thank you,


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